

REMARKS

Claim 6 is allowed. Claims 2-4 and 7 have been withdrawn in light of the added claims 23 and 24.

The allowed processing method of Claim 6 is accomplished by insertion of media into a card reader slot enclosed in a page size flatbed scanner independent of other mechanical means. After insertion, the Specification supports [0033] automatic display of a user interface containing the scanned image derived from one of the stated media.

While the Claims rejected based upon Nihei (US 7,098,942) have been withdrawn, it is important to note that the amended Claims specify and restrict the inventive process to occur within an image acquisition device containing one or more card reader slots. The Examiner noted that Nihei does not teach such a configuration.

Further, newly presented Claim 24 further restricts the invention to allow for automatic processing of the data on inserted media wherein a user need not press any buttons, but simply inserts media into the card reader slot. After insertion, a user interface launches which provides the user with options for post-processing of said data. Examiner also noted that the prior art does not teach automatic launch of data based solely upon insertion of media into a card reader slot.

Finally, the Farr patent (US 6,084,824) claims:

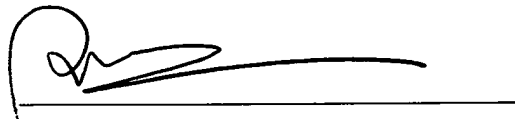
“The present invention may be regarded an optical card reader that reads data from an optical card without using beam-steering optics. The optical reader includes an optical card guide, a carrier movable along the card guide in a linear scanning direction, an illuminator mounted to the carrier, and a detector mounted to the carrier. The illuminator has a light-emitting surface, and the detector has a light-receiving surface. The light-emitting surface is

opposite and spaced apart from and the light-receiving surface. When moved in the scanning direction, the carrier moves the illuminator jointly with the detector. Such an optical card reader has a very low profile, light weight, and low power consumption, which makes it especially attractive for use in notebook computers and other portable electronic devices such as personal digital assistants, smart phones, portable printers, portable scanners and handheld games.”

The Claims and Specification of the Farr reference do not teach the processing method of allowed Claim 6, nor the newly presented claims.

With the amended claims and the remarks herein, Applicant believes that this Application now stands in allowable form and continued examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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